

Territorial Topics

Kelly District All Right—Harry L. Brown writes to the Chieftain from Kelly that there is considerable life in the camp, that the mines are giving employment to about 150 men, that the Kelly is working two shifts a day seven days a week, and that the Graphic is shipping about 1,000 tons of ore a month.

Fine Specimen Donated—Captain C. R. Gill, manager of the Stevenson-McConnell mine at Organ, New Mexico, has donated a fine specimen of wolfeite to the School of Mines cabinet. Such donations are always greatly appreciated by all connected with the school. Captain Gill will be remembered among the benefactors of the institution.

First Court for Many Years—Judge Mills and Court Stenographer Gortner returned to Las Vegas from Tucuman where they officiated in the first term of court in the new county of Quay. They came home by Dalhart and Trinidad, making close connections at the latter point by a rapid carriage drive.

Gained in Weight—C. A. Overholt, the immigration man for the Tallmadge Land company at Burlington, Iowa, left Russell for his home. He was accompanied by his son Charles who has been at Carlsbad for the past four months for the benefit of his health. The young man gained in weight and in strength wonderfully, and his father says he is now as healthy and strong as a buck.

Death in New York—Lieutenant J. D. Newton received a telegram bringing the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Newton, on the morning of the 15th, at her mother's home at Ithaca, New York, where she went a few weeks ago on a visit. Mrs. Newton had made hosts of friends during her stay here who mourn her death. Mr. Newton started to Ithaca on the first train. To him it is a sad journey. He goes with the sympathy of many friends in his sad affliction.—Tularosa Democrat.

He Boomed the Town—J. A. Neal, representing the Albuquerque Citizen, was with us Tuesday and transacted a good deal of business for this well known publication, says the San Marcial Bee. Mr. Neal is always a cheerful and painstaking reader for new subscribers and generally his success is above the average. He told our people of the progress of the new street railway system, of the amount of money subscribed for the territorial fair, and other notable features in sight and projected for the metropolis.

A Girl With Nerve—A few days ago Bentah, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Stewart of Alamogordo, while attempting to enter the house through a screen door brushed heavily against the portal and a large silver nail nearly an inch in length penetrated her hip and broke off. The splinter was firmly imbedded beneath the skin and was not noticed until this morning, when the injury became so inflamed that a physician was consulted. It was found necessary to make an incision nearly half an inch in length, and a quarter of an inch in depth. Dr. Gilbert performed the operation, and though it was necessarily extremely painful, the brave little girl did not utter a whimper.

Carlsbad Springs Company Organized—The company which is promoting the development of the Carlsbad springs held an enthusiastic meeting last Monday evening and organized preparatory to the incorporation and extension of the company, says the Carlsbad Argus. The following officers were chosen:

President—Dr. F. F. Deopp.
Vice President—J. B. Crozier.
Secretary—C. R. Bruce.
Treasurer—W. H. Hull.
General Manager—J. H. Pardue.

As soon as organization is complete the plans of the company will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. Work is already in progress at the site.

Alameda Tract Sold—The valuable residence and orchard property known as the Alameda tract situated one mile north of Las Cruces, has just been sold by W. E. Baker of that town to Miss Emily A. Bowyer, who in turn has sold it to Dr. R. E. McBride, who will conduct it for sanitarium purposes. The Alameda is a well-known health resort, having been conducted as such for ten years.

Hagerman at St. Louis—Herbert J. Hagerman of Roswell, member of New Mexico board of managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition, is in St. Louis on a visit to the fair. He writes that the New Mexico exhibits are very creditable and show up well indeed. He is agreeably astonished at their variety and extent. They are attracting much favorable attention.

Crazy on Religion—Antonio Lamm, who has recently returned to Alamogordo from St. Louis, was examined by a number of physicians who made a report to the officials as to his mental condition. They decided that Lamm was perfectly sane on all subjects with the exception of religion, and with the proper treatment hope to cure the disease in a short while. Lamm has been a night watchman at the lumber mill, and has always proven himself perfectly reliable and trustworthy in every way, and his unfortunate monomania has been a source of the deepest concern to his many friends here and elsewhere. Upon every matter with the sole exception of religion he is as rational as a man could be, but let this sub-

ject be mentioned and he talks and argues in the most remarkable way.

A Pioneer Dead—Clifton M. Tomlinson, a pioneer of this county, and a long-time resident and business man of Hillsboro, died at 8 o'clock last Monday morning, says the Advocate. The direct cause of his death was pneumonia, which had caused him a great deal of trouble the past two years. The deceased was an old soldier, having served for three years in company C 192nd Illinois volunteer infantry, and was honorably discharged in July, 1865. He has a daughter and a brother living at Rock Island, and another brother in Chicago, Illinois. The funeral was held Monday evening. Mr. Thomas Murphy reading the Grand Army of the Republic services. In the death of Mr. Tomlinson the community loses a good citizen. He was, as near as we can learn, about sixty-five years of age. Before his death Mr. Tomlinson appointed Andrew Kelley and W. H. Bucher as the men to settle up his affairs. Mr. Tomlinson's death is greatly regretted by his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Rain in the Mogollons—C. M. Marriot, proprietor of the Silver City Mogollon stage line, returned from a trip over the line, says the Independent. Mr. Marriot says a heavy rain fell in the Mogollons Tuesday and succeeded in partially extinguishing the forest fire which has been raging in that section for some time, but then when he left Wednesday morning the fire had broken out afresh in several places. A large force of men is still on the grounds, fighting the flames and confining it to a limited area. A fairly good flow of water has been struck in the old Peacock workings on the Mogollon Gold and Copper company, and the concentrator at Cooney will be started again and run upon the water furnished from this property. Just how much water could be furnished from this source Mr. Marriot was not prepared to say, but those versed with conditions in that district do not think there will be a sufficient quantity to keep the concentrator running over two or three weeks.

Stole Cattle—Walter Holden, and Andy Hunt are confined in the county jail. The two young men are charged with having broken into Fred Miller's slaughter house and appropriated a number of articles. The robbery occurred some time Tuesday night after the rain. Deputy Brown and Mr. Miller took the trail at the slaughter house which led them directly to Holden's cabin on the Tierra Blanca. A search warrant was secured and the articles missing from the slaughter house were found, some inside the cabin and some hidden in the rocks outside. A mule belonging to Francisco Chavez was found hitched to a tree near the cabin. The boys disclaimed any knowledge of ownership of the animal. In their search Miller and Brown found four young calves confined in a cellar. Some time next week the young men will have an opportunity to explain their case before Justice Lockwood at Lake Valley.

Alamogordo Teachers—The Alamogordo school board held a called meeting one evening last week and agreed upon the principals for the ensuing year on the principals of the Alamogordo and will tender the position to Professor Cridenbreg, who was a teacher in one of the departments last year. He is a young man of sterling qualities, has adopted pedagogues as a profession and is a very successful man in the school room.

Five of the teachers were agreed upon as follows: Miss Willard Parker, room 1; Miss Daisy Howman, Amarilla, Texas, room 2; Miss Blanche Bailey, room 3; Miss Moss, Sweetwater, Texas, room 4; and Miss Olive Rapier, room 5.

Death of Pioneer Mining Man—Word was received in Silver City of the death of Captain S. B. Robinson at Detroit, Michigan, says the Enterprise. Captain Robinson, who was eighty years old, was a pioneer mining man of Grant county, and was well known throughout the west. He was associated with the late William Stevens, who died about a year ago, and the late Levi Z. Leiter, in mining enterprises in Leadville, Colorado, in Nevada and other states and territories in the early days. He is remembered here by many of the old-time mining men as being associated with the Mimbres Mining company, operating in Georgetown in 1881-2. While in Georgetown he ran for county commissioner on the republican ticket, being defeated by William Vaughn. He was also well known in the copper country of upper Michigan.

Held for Murder—Billy Hart, well known at Lordsburg and at Clifton, has been indicted by the grand jury in Cochise county for murder, and held under \$3,000 bail to await trial, says the Liberal. Hart went with Constable Graham, at Douglas, to a saloon to arrest a man named The Smith, who had, Graham said, killed Deputy Sheriff Vaughn, and shot Graham. In making the arrest the officers took no chances, and killed the man they wanted. Afterward there was considerable doubt regarding the identity of the man killed, and it was generally considered they got the wrong man.

Big Army Coming—One of the largest shipments of Uncle Sam's biscuits that has passed

through this city will be seen this week, when forty-five cars filled with 300 regulars will be in Albuquerque en route to San Francisco from which point they will embark for the Philippines. The soldiers will leave Chicago June 21, and are due in this city on Saturday in two trains under the supervision of their commanding officers. The boys in blue hail from Columbus, Ohio, and Newport, Ky., and will remain their allotted time in active service before returning to the United States.

RATON NOTES.

From the Reporter.

Mrs. C. M. Hayne returned home Wednesday from a visit in Albuquerque with her parents.

Mrs. Ida M. Knapp and children of Waterville, Colorado, is here on an extended visit with her brother, H. C. Kipp.

Mrs. H. F. Daniels died Thursday morning, and on Friday her remains, accompanied by the bereaved husband, were taken to Kansas City, Missouri, for interment.

Jim Hunt of Cimarron is expected in the city today with his household effects to make his permanent residence in Raton, he having accepted a position in the First National bank.

Frank M. Hill, a base ball player of La Junta, arrived in the city Thursday and will locate permanently. Mr. Hill formerly played with the Raton team, and of course will play with them again. His position is first base man.

Daniel Riedon, administrator of the estate of Adolph Deyme, has brought suit in Colfax county against the Raton Coal and Coke company for \$10,000 damages. Deyme was a miner and was killed by an explosion which occurred on June 19, 1903.

G. King, father of J. C. King, returned yesterday from Ojo Caliente having completely recovered from his severe attack of sciatic rheumatism. Mr. King says the cures effected by the waters of the Ojo Caliente springs are only a little short of phenomenal.

"Wallace, the Man Eater," the large lioness of the Talbot-Whitney Carnival company, which died in Raton last November, is now adorning the window of the Palace saloon. She looks quite lifelike, having been fixed up by a skilled taxidermist in Denver.

FARMINGTON NOTES.

From the Times-Herald.

Mr. E. Black has just returned from Nevada, Missouri. He says he prefers the sunny San Juan to any place he has yet visited.

Professor Stanford Conant, who was principal of the Farmington school for the past term, left on Monday's stage for points in Colorado.

C. A. Corville and Fred Tyler were in from Ojo Alamo last week after supplies for John Wetherill's trading store at that place. They say John Wetherill is going to move his trading store from Chavez to Pueblo Bonita.

J. H. Schroder, who has been connected with the San Juan stores and the Hyde Exploration expedition here for the past three years, left Monday for St. Louis, his old home, to take in the big fair and visit with his parents for the next two or three months.

Will Ivie arrived Monday with four horses and two wagons loaded with flooring for the new cannery. This is a deserving work, and those that have subscribed loads should get them in as soon as possible, as they are pushing work with all possible speed and Mr. Watts reports that they are short of lumber.

Superintendent Shelton reports work progressing in the building of the new ditch head across the river from Fruitland, and also the widening of the road around the Hogback. Scott N. Morris has charge of the gang at the Hogback that is building the road, and under his supervision Superintendent Shelton can rest assured that the work will be properly done, as Scott certainly knows how to make the dirt fly. About fifty Navajos are employed on the work.

SANTA FE NOTES.

From the New Mexican.

Mrs. Francis Crosson of Albuquerque, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned to her home yesterday.

Comptroller M. R. Nake today commenced laying the foundation for the new residence of H. H. Dorman on Buena Vista Heights.

R. B. Willison, a surveyor, went south yesterday to the Chibit country, where he will do surveying for a week for private parties.

Mrs. Edward Manuel Otero of Albuquerque, arrived yesterday and is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Borgere, her parents in law.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Markness and daughter left yesterday for Albuquerque to attend the convocation of the Territorial State Sunday School association now in session in the Duke City.

E. H. Stover, a teacher at the Alameda Mission school, arrived yesterday and departed at 4:10 this afternoon for a short visit at Albuquerque. From there he will proceed to Naco, Arizona, where he will visit for some time.

A. Singer of Albuquerque, representing the Grunfeld Brothers' dry goods firm of the Duke City, came in last evening from a business trip to the northern part of the territory. He spent the day here, going south this evening.

Diseased Cattle.
Dr. J. N. Warner who was called from Albuquerque to report on a mysterious disease that had killed cattle at Mineral Hill, is able to throw little fresh light on the mystery. The disease developed and some cattle died. However, it is not wide spread and the results thus far have been comparatively trivial. No satisfactory method of treatment has been reached.—Las Vegas Optic.

GALLUP GLEANINGS

Special Correspondence.

Mr. Cox, of the Duke City Plumbing company, came here yesterday from Albuquerque and was awarded the contract for a hot water heating plant for the public school house at \$2,530. For hydrants and drain pipe he will get \$90. Several bids were received by the school board, and the lowest was accepted. The company guarantees a temperature of 70 degrees. The action of the board in installing this up-to-date plant is approved by all.

A number of carloads of cement have been secured at Guam for the Zuni reservoir.

Attorney K. K. Scott and family left for their home at Tucson, Arizona, yesterday.

Three miles of track will be put in between the Otero mine and the new American Fuel mine, east of Weaver. The survey is being made.

B. A. Sleyter, the Albuquerque insurance agent, spent yesterday in Gallup.

The mines are working fairly well for the dull season.

So far we have had but one rain. The surrounding country has been more favored.

J. F. Browne has returned from Phoenix with a carload of cattle.

The number of guards on the railroad has been reduced to three.

A much needed improvement is being made by the town board in cutting a ditch through Coal avenue to carry away waste water. Advertisements for bids on pipe to be used in pumping water to a number of families on the north side.

William Wiedmeyer has established a trading store at Cram's ranch near Guam.

Arrangements have been made for a big celebration here on the Fourth of July.

Robert Putney of Albuquerque spent Monday in Gallup.

T. N. Hinch of the European hotel is reported very sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. Duncan's Funeral.

Perhaps never in the history of Las Vegas has a funeral been more largely attended than that of Mrs. J. S. Duncan, held from the home yesterday afternoon. A great many of those who gathered to pay the last mark of respect and to tender the last token of affection, were unable to gain entrance to the house. A large concourse accompanied the funeral cortege to the last resting place in the Masonic cemetery.

The Rev. A. C. Geyer had charge of the services at the house. He used the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal church.

A choir composed of Mesdames Rankin and Barnes, Messrs. Thresher and E. L. Browne, with Mrs. Gise at the organ, sang several appropriate hymns. At the grave the members of the Eastern Star order had charge of the services which were conducted under the leadership of Past Grand Matron Mrs. Boomer. At the grave, also, the choir sang several hymns. The sadness caused by the death of Mrs. Duncan will long endure in many Las Vegas homes.—Optic.

LAS VEGAS NOTES.

From the Optic.

George W. Ward, steward of the insane asylum, has been confined to his bed for several days as the result of grip, is now improving and will be out in a day or two.

Myer Friedman has returned to the city from a wool buying trip. He says the yield of wool in the northern part of the territory will be about up to the average this year.

Dr. C. A. Purpus, a botanist of international fame, and George Horndorfer, of Flagstaff, Arizona, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Darmstadt, Germany, to attend the world's congress of botanists.

At 1 o'clock on Monday there were joined in matrimony by Rev. A. C. Geyer, at the Methodist parsonage, Miss Nora Helen Penton and Mr. Jerry B. Beribner, and at the same time and place Miss Bertha May Lipsett of Albuquerque and Mr. Harry Penton.

Secretary J. W. Reynolds and Assistant Secretary George Fleming were over from Santa Fe yesterday. Mr. Reynolds recently returned from a visit to the sheep ranches in Leonard and Wood county in which he is interested. He says the wool crop will be average, but that only about twenty per cent of lambs was saved in that section.

Troop "A" is now preparing for the encampment. A number of prominent young men have signified their intention to enlist, and will be sworn into the service tonight at the armory. With the new material in sight the officers believe that they will have the finest body of men at the encampment.

Big Wool Purchase.
Simon and Ben Bibb of Grants, N. M., have purchased 150,000 pounds of the wool of Silverstar Merino and brothers, and will ship to the wool scouring mills in this city. The S. Bibb Mercantile company have stored at Grants, Cuba, Laguna and Soberaya, and have so far this season shipped over 300,000 pounds, and expect to reach the half million limit, all of which will be scoured in this city.

Good Ball Teams.
Both Deming and Silver City have good ball teams, and arrangements should be made for games with these clubs in this city.

Company G Doings.
Company G met at the armory last night for drill. About twenty members were present. The non-commissioned officers were given warrants of authority, and company maneuvers and guard mount was practiced.

The social membership of Company G is gradually increasing, but a great many who promised to become social

members have not yet called for their membership cards, and what is more important to Capt. Ruppe and company, they have not paid the fee of \$1. The gymnasium is now fully equipped and the baths are in fine condition.

Pleasant Social Event.
A very enjoyable social function took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupp, 322 South Arno, last evening and those present report a good time. Games were played and refreshments served by the hostess before the guests departed, at a very late hour.

Those present were Miss Barbara Schaefer, Sadie Strain, Emma Rudolph, Mary Owens, Elizabeth Brown, Edith Taylor, Mr. Bert Walling, Ralph Springer, T. F. Quinn, H. L. Lundy, Harry Shoup and Norman Millenbaugh.

The party was in the nature of a surprise for the first four gentlemen.

The Scenic Route.
The penitentiary authorities yesterday, sent eighteen convicts to convict camp No. 3, on the "Scenic Route" road on the Dalton divide. The permanent work done by the convicts during the past fall, winter and spring is highly commended by all those who have examined it. It is reported to be very strong, durable and satisfactory.

About ten miles of the road from the Dalton divide to the Pecos river have been surveyed and permanent locations of the line have been made by Engineer John A. Gwin under the supervision of Superintendent H. O. Burman. The work is progressing very satisfactorily from this end.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

A Famous and Sensible Prayer.
When you get up in the morning with a bad taste in your mind, try the effect of this pretty little prayer, by Louis Stevenson: "The day returns and brings us the pretty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undisturbed, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep."

SILVER CITY NOTES.

From the Independent.

The tax assessment rolls of Grant county for the present year show a slight increase over 1903.

Attorney A. H. Harlee continues to make good progress toward recovery from his recent dangerous illness.

The bowling alleys are progressing rapidly, and many men are employed at present in the carpenter work.

P. F. McCanna, Albuquerque's most popular resident, insurance agent, and secretary of the territorial fair, was an arrival on Thursday's train, having been called to Silver City on business.

The success which has met the efforts of Rev. J. G. Harshaw, in securing money for the erection of the Methodist church, is a source of pleasure to a lot of people besides those interested in the church. It goes as a good proof of what any man can do if he tries.

Rev. J. G. Harshaw, of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony which united in marriage Miss Alice G. Ashelmann and Mr. Harry M. Derr, both of this city. The groom is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and at present is in the employ of Reginald Platt.

The commencement number of the Normalist was issued last week from the Independent office. It is profusely illustrated, and replete with reading, interesting not only to the students, but to all the friends of the institution. The number is very much of a credit to the editors.

A deal of great magnitude is now under way in the Mogollons, which means the probable introduction of a large amount of English capital into this wealthy mineral district.

The transaction, when completed, will be the largest that has ever taken place in the territory of New Mexico, but information regarding its nature cannot be given at the present time.

WON ANOTHER VICTORY.
B. A. C. Defeated Raton Sunday by a Score of 13 to 10.

The B. A. C. had team went to Raton Sunday and took the twirlers there down the line to the score of 13 to 10, in a rattling good game played before several hundred people. A good sized delegation from Trinidad was present. Matney pitched the whole game for Trinidad, and proved a mystery to the Raton batsmen. The score card gave them: one earned run, Ferraro also distinguished himself behind the bat. Panning and Leeson were the battery for Raton, but Panning was treated to some hard hitting. In the fifth, Owens drove out a ground ball for three bases, and in the seventh, Floyd, who played 2nd base for the B. A. C., pounded out a long drive that should have been a home run. Floyd, however, was short of wind and was done up on reaching third. One man came in on the hit.

Raton was greatly chagrined by the defeat of her crack ball team, and will send it over here for another game next Sunday.—Trinidad Chronicle News.

Eating at Night.
Every living bird and beast strives its utmost to cram itself with food before retiring for the night, and this food is digested as the night progresses. The evening feed is the feed of the day with the brute creation, and yet doctors tell us to refrain from eating heartily at night, and even advise us to retire to rest with a more or less empty stomach. Babies do the same thing, and even eat during the night. Adult men and women alone make an exception to the rule. Why?

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Railroad Topics

The Order of Railway Trainmen is arranging for a picnic at Chocoma, the latter part of this month.

Fireman J. O. Hill has resigned from the service of the Santa Fe, and will leave shortly for the east.

H. B. Aspinwall of the local shops, who left some time ago for Troy, Michigan, is expected here in a few days.

Mrs. J. W. McCaskill and daughter, Miss Jessie, of 204 Highland avenue, left last night for Childress, Texas, where they will join Mr. McCaskill. Mr. McCaskill is a machinist by trade and was formerly employed at the local shops.

News reaches here to the effect that the Santa Fe machinists at Chocoma, Kan., have finally been drawn into the strike on that line and that the company is now arranging to fill their places with non-union men. Chocoma was the last place to be called out.

There is a movement on foot to consolidate the two existing railway surgeons associations. The movement is to combine the International Association of Railway Surgeons and the American Association of Railway Surgeons into one large order known as the American Association of Railway Surgeons.

John C. Sears, who for the past sixteen years has been employed in the Santa Fe railway depot in Santa Fe and of late years has acted as cashier, left for Raton, where he will go on duty in a similar capacity. It is not yet definitely known if this change of station will be permanent.

C. R. Robinson of Denver, who has lately been with the Colorado & Southern, arrived last evening to assume his duties as cashier at the Santa Fe railway depot today. Mr. Robinson is not a new comer to New Mexico. He was a resident several years ago at Las Vegas, being then engaged in raising cattle in San Miguel county.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

EARNINGS ARE BETTER.

Rock Island Business for April is Looking Up.

Chicago, June 29.—President Winchell of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway has been in New York on business and said:

"Rock Island is doing about the same as other lines in the same territory. There is a slight recovery in business at large and earnings are running better than in April. So far as Rock Island is concerned I think we have turned the corner, April being the last bad month."

After August 1 next the Rock Island will install the block system of running trains over its entire system, including the Texas branches. This system is embraced in the new book of rules that become effective at that date. This system will prevent any train from passing any telegraph station until the engineer first ascertains if there are any orders at the office of a signal placed at some distance from the station but controlled from the station. Every engineer must give a whistle answer to the signal that is given.

GOING TO THE COAST

The Rock Island system is going to the coast. This road, which, it was thought thirty years ago, was only built to give a town in Illinois on the Mississippi river a reputation, and a doubtful one at that, has now become one of our greatest empire builders.

The building of the Panama canal has no terrors for transcontinental lines, as every line which is pointed westward, from a "back" outlet, a simple engineering feat which would appall the engineers who built our first main-line roads.

Seventeen years ago this company surveyed across Colorado and the new line will follow the old survey. The road is now into Colorado Springs. Starting from there the survey will run east of the Greenhorn range of mountains to a point ten miles west of Walsenburg, where it turns toward the Sangre de Cristo range which it will tunnel, thence in a southwesterly direction, passing near Alamosa and turning into New Mexico near Juerga.

The line in Colorado will open up the Huerfano county mines and others between there and the New Mexico line. The company built a line from Tucuman to Dawson, N. M., 132 miles in length for the express purpose of utilizing the Dawson coal field. This line will be extended from Dawson north to connect at a point between La Jeta and Alamosa. This will give Denver an almost direct line to El Paso and the City of Mexico.

In New Mexico the new lines will cross the San Juan valley, touching Farmington. Here are vast coaling coal beds. Passing south the line crosses the Atlantic & Pacific at Thoreau, N. M., where a connection will be made with the American Lumber company's road, which owns Cottonwood canyon, the only practical route to get down into the New Mexico Arizona mesa.

Running south, southwest it crosses into Arizona about seventy-two miles south of the Atlantic Pacific and then runs west for two hundred miles over the plateau which is covered with a dense forest of pine, which is a government timber reserve. Prescott, Arizona, will be touched, and then the desert.

San Diego will probably be the Pacific terminus. George Gould's agents when trying to secure more land in San Diego found a very desirable plot which was not for sale. That water front belongs to the Rock Island system. It consists of half a mile of wharfage room and 250 acres of land

which Gould would pave with golden socks to secure.

That this contemplated line will open up a vast area of arable land goes without saying. It is true that the Rock Island has secured the Phelps Dodge roads in southern Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. It will dominate. It would be an easy matter to build down the San Francisco to connect with the El Paso & Southern. With coke selling at the copper smelters at \$30 a ton it is easily computed what an enormous profit would accrue to the company by moving coke and coal from northern New Mexico and southern Colorado to the mines about Clifton, Elbow and the Canabals.

At present fuel is scarce, a great deal of it being pine wood brought down from the mountains on burros. There is an almost inexhaustible supply of heavy pine timber in western New Mexico which this line could put on the market with at least 200 miles shorter haul than any other line. The cattle country would be cut in two, thus saving ranchers a drive of something like 100 miles. One advantage which makes this survey an advisable is the presence of coal and water. From Prescott northwest water will be stored, but on the eastern end it is plentiful. The coal from Dawson will supply the road until it makes a profitable eastern haul. Officials in Chicago have been gathering statistics for more than two years, and have everything figured down to a nicety.

The road and equipment will not average more than \$10,000 a mile. The line will be in the neighborhood of 1,150 miles long from Colorado Springs to San Diego with branches.—Denver Post.

INCREASE SANTA FE VALUATION

Oklahoma Railway Assessors Make a Raise of \$400 Per Mile.

The board of railway assessors of Oklahoma has almost finished its work of fixing the taxable valuation of railway properties in the territory. It is known that the valuation of the main line of the Santa Fe has been raised from \$5,200 to \$5,600, an increase of \$400 a mile over last year. It is believed that the valuation of main line railroads of other railways has been raised proportionately. It is not known definitely whether these figures will be final. Returns from different counties show that the valuations are generally lower than ever before. The aggregate of all the counties, however, will be greater than last year.

Telegraph Operator Commits Suicide—Because he had failed to appreciate his mother's love and affection for him until it was too late, G. J. Knopp, a telegraph operator, blew out his brains in a room in the New Commercial hotel Tuesday afternoon at about 8 o'clock.

Although he fired two shots into his head, the first of which resulted only in a scalp wound, no one heard the reports of the pistol and the tragedy was discovered through the life blood of the suicide dripping through the ceiling of the room that Knopp occupied, into the dining room below. Horrified at the sight of human blood dripping from the ceiling, the proprietor of the hotel hastened to the room above and opening the door, was confronted with the dead body of Knopp lying on the floor, two bullet wounds in his head and his brains seeping all over the room. A bloody weapon clamped in the dead man's hand and two carefully addressed envelopes lying on the table told the story of another suicide.—El Paso Herald.

A Fast Run Across Continent—The second shipment of deep sea cable now being laid by the government, between Valdes and Nome, has just been shipped in a special train of thirty-one cars, over the Lackawanna railroad. This shipment consists of two hundred tons and is part of an order for thirteen hundred miles of submarine cable.

Some time since, the Lackawanna handled a consignment of this cable and the actual running time of the train from Hoboken to the Pacific coast was fourteen days. This was considered remarkable, inasmuch as adverse weather and a delay of several days for repairs had to be taken into account. The prompt delivery greatly pleased the government officials directing the laying of the cable.

W. L. Ketchum, rate clerk in the general offices of the El Paso & Northern, has accepted a similar position with the Rock Island at Chicago. His many friends here regret to see him leave, but prophesy that a few weeks will see him back in El Paso. However, he should be able to avoid the dangers of a great city if the pitiful warning served on him yesterday by his friends in the office fulfills its mission.—El Paso News.

It is only seventy-four years on the Fourth of July since work was started on the construction of the first American's great road; it is only fifty-one years since the waters of the west at Lake Erie were first reached by through rail from the Atlantic coast, and so recently as the surrender of Appomattox there were only 32,000 miles of main track in the whole, as compared with 200,000 miles now.

Plans to Intersect Santa Fe—Chief Engineer McCarthy of the Weatherford, Oklahoma & Southern says the line has been located from Weatherford to Woodward, and that construction work will commence